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DATE: 6 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN PORTUGAL

REF : REUTERS TICKER LISBON, 6 NOV 74, UNCLASSIFIED

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN PORTUGAL SPREAD TO THE NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF OPORTO TODAY WHEN LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS SET FIRE TO THE OFFICES OF THE MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY (CDS). COMMUNIST STRENGTH IN THE NORTH WAS THOUGHT TO BE WEAK, ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN OPORTO LABOR UNIONS IS STRONG.

CDS HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON WAS SACKED MONDAY NIGHT, AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES YESTERDAY TO PRESENT A LIST OF DEMANDS

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THAT WOULD ENSURE A FREE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. PRESS ACCOUNTS TODAY INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE LISBON INCIDENT AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO ARREST SUSPECTED RINGLEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. CDS LEADERS WILL NOT BE CONTENT, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE MAOIST POLITICAL PARTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIOLENCE IS BANNED. E-2 IMPDET-H

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